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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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1) AT CONSULTATIONS MENTIONED IN PARA 1 OF STATE 308066,  
GROUP DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGE IN CHAIRMANSHIP OF  
COMMITTEE I OF GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON RE-  
AFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN  
LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS. CURRENT CHAIRMAN IS  
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AMB. OFSTAD, NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRG. US AND  
CANADIAN REPS AT BONN CONSULTATIONS REPORTED RUMOR THAT  
OFSTAD WOULD NOT REASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP AND THAT NORWAY  
WOULD NOT PROPOSE SUBSTITUTE BUT PERMIT WESTERN EUROPEAN  
CAUCUS GROUP TO PICK REPLACEMENT. ON OTHER HAND, FRG REPS  
HAD IMPRESSION THAT OFSTAD INTENDED TO BE AT NEXT SESSION

OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. IT WAS AGREED AT BONN MEETING THAT USG WOULD QUERRY SWISS AND REPORT FINDINGS TO PARTICIPANTS IN BONN CONSULTATIONS.

2) WE HAVE INQUIRED OF SWISS AND LEARN THAT THEY TOO HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING SIGNALS ON WHETHER OFSTAD WILL BE AT NEXT SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. SWISS WILL BE

TRYING TO FIND OUT MORE. THEY WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US WHEN THEY LEARN ANY MORE, AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHEN WE HEAR.

3) AMEMBASSY LONDON REQUESTED TO REPORT ABOVE TO JOHN FREELAND, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER FCO. AMEMBASSY PARIS REQUESTED TO REPORT ABOVE TO COL. O. DE GABORY (OR AMB. PAULI, WHO WILL BE REPLACING CHRISTIAN GIRARD OF QUAI AS HEAD OF FRENCH DEL). AMEMBASSY BONN REQUESTED TO REPORT ABOVE TO DR. FLEISCHHAUER, DR. V. MARSCHALL OR AMB. H.K. ROBERT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. AMEMBASSY BONN ALSO REQUESTED TO REPORT ABOVE TO DAVID MILLER, DCM AT CANADIAN EMBASSY IN BONN.  
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